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1. AT LUNCH ON FEBRUARY 18 PERMREPS AGREED THAT DATES OF 22-23 MAY FOR DPC MINISTERIAL AS WELL AS DATES OF 16-17 JUNE FOR THE NPG MINISTERIAL ARE NOW ACCEPTABLE TO ALL THE PARTIES.

2. CONCERNING DATES FOR NAC MINISTERIAL, DECISION ON WHICH EVERYONE AGREED WAS URGENT, SYG LUNS SUMMARIZED STATUS PRIOR TO DISCUSSION SAYING THAT DATES OF 29-30 MAY ARE FAVORED BY A MAJORITY BUT DENMARK, NETHERLANDS, UK AND U.S. HAVE NOT RESPONDED. WITH THOSE EXCEPTIONS, ALL OTHER ALLIES COULD AGREE ON 29-30 MAY.

3. ERALP (TURKEY) SAID NO DATE IN JUNE WAS POSSIBLE FOR HIS COUNTRY BECAUSE OF JUNE ELECTIONS. HARTOGH (NETHERLANDS) SAID JUNE WAS ALSO OUT OF THE QUESTION FOR THE NETHERLANDS BUT THEY COULD ACCEPT MAY 29-30. PECK (UK) SAID HIS AUTHORITIES WOULD HAVE PREFERRED ANOTHER DATE BUT COULD GO ALONG WITH MAY 29-30. CONFIDENTIAL

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SVART (DENMARK) WAS DOUBTFUL SINCE HIS FOREIGN MINISTER IS GOING TO THE USSR WITH THE QUEEN OF DENMARK FROM MAY 24 TO JUNE

2. SVART NOTED SUGGESTION THAT POSSIBLY HIS PRIME MINISTER MIGHT REPLACE HIS FOREIGN MINISTER FOR THE NAC MINISTERIAL.

4. LUNS SUMMARIZED SAYING THE U.S. COULD BE CONSIDERED THE ONLY COUNTRY TO WHOM THE DATES MAY 29-30 ARE IN DOUBT. THE SYG SAID A DECISION MUST BE REACHED, AT THE LATEST, BY FEBRUARY 26, ALTHOUGH IT WOULD BE ADVISABLE TO HAVE ONE SOONER. BRUCE

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